REMARKS

Original Claims 1-3, 6-10, 14 and newly added Claims 15-20 are currently in this case. Claims 4,5,11-14 have been withdrawn without prejudice to these claims being returned to the case upon the allowance of a generic claim or a new application filed for them, since they do not reading on the elected species,

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner made an election requirement between three species as follows:

1. Fig. 2 depicting an optical amplifier assembly module
2. Figs. 3A and 3B depicting a bidirectional assembly module; and
3. Figs. 3C and 3D depicting a bidirectional parallel amplifier node.

Applicant elects to prosecute the first species, namely that depicted in Fig. 2, which is an optical amplifier assembly module. Claims 1-3, 6-10, and 14-20 read on this embodiment of the invention. Claim 1 is generic.

It is now requested that this application be examined on the merits.

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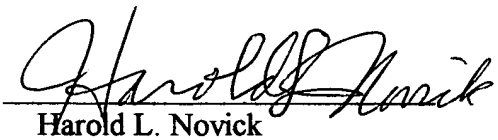
By: 
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